

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 726

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Fannie D. Hewlett.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid Tennesseans who, through their contributions, have earned the respect and appreciation of their peers and of this State; and

WHEREAS, Fannie D. Hewlett, Ed.D, is one such individual who has committed her time and energies to providing the finest educational experiences for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hewlett currently renders sterling service as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for Chattanooga State Technical Community College. She has held the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs since May of 2001, and she was named the Provost in January of 2008; and

WHEREAS, as the President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Fannie Hewlett has many responsibilities that shape the integrity, direction, and curriculum of Chattanooga State Technical College. Those responsibilities have included managing the academic affairs unit, shaping the academic strategy through collegial governance and strategic planning, serving as the chief academic officer and a member of the President's Cabinet and Executive Staff, leading curriculum development and quality initiatives, and assuming full administrative responsibility for all academic areas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hewlett earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and English from Belmont College in 1970, becoming the first African-American woman to graduate from the school; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Master of Arts degree in Clinical and School Psychology from Fisk University in 1975 and a Doctorate in Education in Educational Administration and

Supervision from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1990, and completed post-doctoral studies at in Community College Leadership at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997; and

WHEREAS, widely respected among her peers for her leadership abilities, Dr. Hewlett renders sterling service as the Chair of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Financial Strategies Subcommittee and the Chair of the SACS Reaffirmation Peer Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fannie Hewlett volunteers a great deal of time and energy as a member of a number of civic and educational organizations, including the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society; Psi Beta, the national honor society for psychology in community and junior colleges; the Belmont Alumni Association, Chattanooga Chapter; the Charisma Service Club, which she serves as President; the Urban League board of directors; the TBR Developmental Redesign Task Force, and the Regents Online Degree Program Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Hewlett garnered the Chair Academy Exemplary Leadership Award in March of 2009, won the Teaching Excellence Award in 1992, was nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award in 1988, was one of 160 women chosen nationwide to participate in the "Leaders for the '80s" conference, and was selected to "Outstanding Young Women in America" in 1984; and

WHEREAS, she was also chosen by *USA Today* and the NISOD Institute as a recipient of the 1993 Teaching Excellence Award, by the YMCA Black Achievers Program as an Outstanding Adult Black Achiever, and by Girls, Inc. as a Black Woman of Influence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hewlett's unwavering dedication to the highest tenets of educational excellence and her unflinching commitment to serving the educational needs of her students have defined her career, and it is wholly fitting that she be recognized for her contributions by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Dr. Fannie D. Hewlett for her many contributions to Chattanooga State Technical Community College and to this State, extending our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.